GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Private Partnership for Modernization of Railway Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approached private sector to develop 400 identified railway stations under the innovative Swiss Challenge method and if so, the details thereof and the response of the private sector in this regard;

(b) the criteria for selection of Railway stations, mode of development, ownership and time-frame for implementation;

(c) whether the Government has decided to start the Stations Redevelopment Scheme with the help of the public sector and if so, the details of the railway stations are likely to be redeveloped under the scheme State-wise and zone-wise;

(d) whether the State Governments will also be made partners in the Station Redevelopment Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government is considering to develop the other railway stations across the country, once the major stations are modernized and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.130 BY SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO, KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH, SHRI G. HARI, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR, DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD, DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN, SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN, SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI AND SHRI DHARAMBIR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.02.2016 REGARDING PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR MODERNIZATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a)to(e): Indian Railway has advertised its plan to redevelop 'A-1' and 'A' category stations (about 400 in number) on 'as is where is' basis, by inviting proposals from developers with their designs and business ideas. Public Sector Undertakings can also participate under this scheme. During various interactions with the stake holders, their response have been encouraging.
Category of stations is decided on the basis of annual earnings from passenger traffic. 'A-1' category stations have annual passengers earnings of more than ?60 crores and 'A' category stations have annual passenger earnings of ?8 − 60 crores. Details of 'A-1' and 'A' category stations, State-wise and zone-wise are appended.
The entire cost of station redevelopment is to be met by leveraging commercial development of land and air space in and around the stations. The land is only to be leased to the developers and its ownership shall remain with Railways. The developer shall be responsible for station redevelopment, associated real estate development and operation & maintenance (O&M) of the same. State Governments/local bodies can also be made partner in the scheme, if necessary, in case higher FAR (Floor Area Ratio) is granted by them.
Station Redevelopment projects are complex in nature which require detailed techno-economic feasibility studies and statutory clearances from local bodies. Thus, it is not possible to provide time limit at this stage for completion of these projects.
Presently, there is no proposal for redeveloping stations falling in other categories under above scheme. However, provision/augmentation/improvement of identified passenger amenities at railway stations is taken up as a continuous process depending upon requirement and inter-se priority of works, subject to availability of funds.

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